

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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IRREGULARITY IN POST OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether irregularities have been noticed in the Shahdol R.S. post office in Shahdol Postal Division in Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether financial loss is also incurred due to irregularities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any enquiry has been conducted to identify the reasons for such irregularities;
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (g) whether any policy has been formulated for transfer of Gramin Dak Sevaks in the country; and
- (h) if so, the facilities provided to Gramin Dak Sevaks and the procedure followed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) A case pertaining to misappropriation of government money by Sub Postmaster(SPM), Shahdol R.S. Post Office (PO) in Shahdol Postal Division has come to notice. The SPM, Shri SL Rohini committed the fraud by way of non-accounting the amount tendered by the public for deposit in their accounts under various savings schemes. The SPM has also fraudulently withdrawn money from various savings accounts/ instruments by forging signatures of depositors/investors.

Fraud to the tune of Rs. 50,25,454/- has been established against which a recovery of Rs. 3,06,020/- has been made. The fraud could not be detected immediately on its occurrence due to lapses in supervision by the officials of Shahdol Head Post Office and the inspectorial staff also failed to perform their duties as prescribed in different manuals. In addition to SPM, 36 other officials have also been found guilty for various lapses during inquiry and disciplinary action against them is under process. Principal offender, Shri SL Rohini, SPM has been placed under suspension on 09.05.2006 afternoon and is absconding.

(g) and (h) As per extant Gramin Dak Sevak (GDS) (Conduct and Employment) Rules, 2001, a GDS shall not be eligible for transfer in any case from one post/unit to another post/unit except in public interest. Public interest has also been defined. A GDS posted at a distant place on redeployment, a GDS appointed on compassionate grounds, a woman GDS on her marriage/remarriage and a GDS suffering from serious illness or having a physically/mentally challenged member of family dependent on him/her, can be considered for transfer from one post/unit to another.